



Request for City Council Committee Action From the Department of Public Works

Date: March 4, 2003
To: Honorable Sandra Colvin Roy, Chair Transportation & Public works Committee
Subject: Project Update for the Hennepin Theatre District Streetscape
(Project No. 2221)

Recommendation:

1. Receive and File

Previous Directives:

- Resolution 2002R-172, passed May 17, 2002, ordering the City Engineer to abandon and remove the areaways located in the public street right-of-way that are in conflict with the paving and streetscape projects in the Hennepin Theater District Streetscape Renovation and Street Lighting Project area.
- Resolution 2002R-171, passed May 17, 2002, ordering the work to proceed and adopting special assessments for the Hennepin Theater District Streetscape and Street Lighting Projects.
- Resolution 2002R-102, passed April 5, 2002 and designating the location and streets to be improved in the Hennepin Theatre District Streetscape Revitalization Project.
- Council Action enacted at the November 21, 2001 council meeting directing that the City's 2000-2005 Capital Improvement Program be amended to include the Hennepin Avenue Theater District Streetscape project.

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Financial Impact (Check those that apply)

☒ No financial impact - or - Action is within current department budget.
(If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information)

- ☐ Action requires an appropriation increase to the Capital Budget
- ☐ Action requires an appropriation increase to the Operating Budget
- ☐ Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase
- ☐ Action requires use of contingency or reserves
- ☐ Other financial impact (Explain):

☐ Request provided to the Budget Office when provided to the Committee Coordinator

Background/Supporting Information Attached

Background

- The project bid documents are completed and are currently being advertised for bids. Bid opening will be on March 6th, with a pre-bid meeting scheduled for February 25th.
- The construction start date remains on schedule with construction anticipated to begin in mid-April of this year.
- Excel Energy has begun work to modify their electrical vaults in advance of project construction.
- Meetings with project stakeholders (business and property owners, utility companies, MTCO, and public works staff) were held where the design elements were finalized.
- Coordination meetings were held with the affected property & business owners where their specific needs in the design and during in-construction as well as potential areaway conflicts were addressed. These meetings will continue through project completion.
- Staff is currently working with property owners to address those areaways, which are known to be in conflict with the project, using the more cost effective modification and abandonment alternatives provided by the recently amended areaway ordinance. The potential still remains that if we encounter an areaway conflict that the owner has not addressed before construction, we will need to come back to this committee for an interim appropriation to cover the cost of the areaway abandonment. As you are aware, the abandonment cost are the responsibility of the areaway owner and the interim appropriation would be reimbursed by a special assessment to the areaway owner.

cc: Council Member Lisa Goodman, Ward 7
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Hennepin Ave Streetscape

5th to 10th Sts

